

Since this bill has gone into effect, I've received approximately two telemarketing calls - one for home repairs and one for burial plots in Queens!!! The burial plot call I actually answered and abruptly hung up on the telemarketer, surprised that they had gotten through. I am aghast at how the Bush Administration is bowing to lobbyists who campaign for the Direct Marketing Association and any other association who wants to intrude upon private citizens' rights to decide who has access to their phone information, for monetary gain. I personally pay for a non-published telephone number and it is beyond me how my number is accessed to receive these unsolicited calls. I have advised my phone service carrier, Verizon, as well as the Direct Marketing Association to remove my name from any lists made available for any outside services.

Why is the FCC campaigning against NJ for having tough telemarketing laws anyway? Are they afraid that other states will follow, as NJ sets the code for the DO NOT CALL law? Quite ironic that with Michael Powell leaving as FCC Commissioner, the Bush Administration is free (and never ceases to disappoint) to appoint someone who will push to change this law. It is bad enough that charitable organizations are exempt from this law - it's my choice to give to whatever charitable organization I deem fit - not because they call me. How many of our older Americans' right to privacy are violated? How often do we hear the stories of the elderly being taken advantage of and buying from telemarketers, thereby putting themselves unknowingly in a financial bind because of it? Our elderly are more in debt - look at the unsolicited approved credit cards which are sent to them? This too is a result of the direct marketing avalanche of information. I do not appreciate being solicited in my own home for any reason. I can't stop the broadcasts for direct marketing but I can stop them, through the DO NOT CALL law, from invading my privacy in my own home.